

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Office Action of March 22, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

In the Office Action of March 22, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Mizutani et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,392,620). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

Claim 1 is patentable over Mizutani et al. in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, “a liquid crystal panel including liquid crystal... a data processor supplying red, green and blue data signals to said at least one liquid crystal cell; and a backlight in a stand-by state during a responding period of the liquid crystal corresponding to each of said supplied red, green and blue data signals, for generating red, green and blue light at the end of each responding period, wherein the backlight generates the red, green and blue light in correspondence with the red, green and blue data signals.” Mizutani et al. fails to teach, either expressly or inherently, at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-5, which depend from claim 1, are also patentable over Mizutani et al.

Claim 6 is patentable over Mizutani et al. in that claim 6 recites a combination of elements including, for example, “sequentially supplying red, green and blue data signals to a liquid crystal cell of a liquid crystal panel, wherein liquid crystal in the liquid crystal cell responds to each of said supplied red, green and blue data signals during a responding period; and sequentially generating red, green and blue light at the end of each responding period, wherein the red, green and blue light is generated in correspondence with the red, green and blue data signals.” Mizutani et al. fails to teach, either expressly or inherently, at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7-12, which depend from claim 6, are also patentable over Mizutani et al.

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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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